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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alabama Licensed Court Reporters

FROM: Paula "Scout" McCaleb, *Executive Director*

Date: August 21, 2009

RE: CEU's Required for ABCR Renewal

In our 2nd annual license renewal and our first year of requiring Continuing Education (CE) for renewal, some confusion has been brought to our attention regarding the renewal requirements. Therefore, this memo serves to clear up any misunderstanding of CE required for renewal.

What the Rules and Regulations Currently Say:

257-X-6-.01 Continuing Education Requirements

- 1) Beginning with the September 30, 2008, renewal and every renewal thereafter, every licensee who applies for renewal of a license shall complete during the preceding thirty six (36) months five (15) hours of continuing education (CE) relevant to the practice of court reporting.

The Problem:

There is a typo in this sentence. It should have read as follows: "Beginning with the September 30, 2008, renewal and every renewal thereafter, every licensee who applies for renewal of a license shall complete during the preceding thirty six (36) months **fifteen** (15) hours of continuing education (CE) relevant to the practice of court reporting."

The Requirement for 2009 Annual Renewal:

1. The 2009 annual ABCR license renewal requires fifteen (15) hours of CE.
2. CE obtained over the preceding thirty-six (36) months may be counted towards this renewal.

We apologize for any confusion caused by the typo in our original Rules and Regulations and hope that this memo clarifies the CE requirements for you. If you have further questions regarding renewals, please contact the ABCR office at paulascout@aol.com or brandyvanorden@gmail.com or 334.215.7233.

In closing, these required CEU's for Alabama license renewal are minimum standards to ensure public protection. We hope and encourage our licensees to obtain above and beyond the minimum standards, as any professional would for their own career growth. Thank you.